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# Meghalaya CM gives Sixth Pay Commission eight months to submit report




Shillong, Meghalaya – Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma has constituted the Sixth Pay Commission to review the salary structure of state employees. In a brief press conference, the CM stated that comprehensive reforms are necessary to align salaries with the current cost of living.

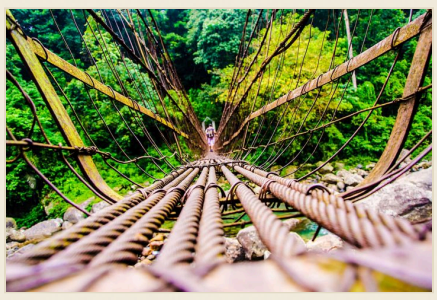
The commission has been given a strict eight-month deadline to complete its study process, gather input from stakeholders, and present a detailed report to the government. Officials said this timeframe was set to implement any recommended changes before the next financial year.

The commission's membership has not yet been made public, but it is likely to include senior officials, financial experts, and representatives from employee unions. The government said the commission's report will be presented in the upcoming legislative assembly session, after which legislative approval will be sought for any changes to the pay scale.

This move follows similar pay commissions in other Indian states, aimed at eliminating wage disparities and boosting the morale of public sector employees. No additional information was provided about the scope or methodology of the process at the time of the announcement.

POLITICS

## Meghalaya CM orders investigation into ropeway issue



The Chief Minister of Meghalaya stated that the state government has initiated a detailed investigation into the recent malfunction of the ropeway. Meghalaya Express reported that the cause will be determined by reviewing the technical report and safety records.

The ropeway is a vital mode of transport for tourists and locals in the region, particularly in hilly areas where road access is limited. Previous incidents have raised safety concerns, leading to strict monitoring of maintenance standards.

A specialized team of engineers and safety officials has been constituted for the investigation. The team will present its findings to the Chief Minister within the next two weeks, after which corrective measures will be taken.

Ropeway services have been suspended during the investigation, and the government has coordinated alternative transport options to minimize inconvenience for passengers.

POLITICS

## Meghalaya government approves Sixth Pay Commission recommendations, new pay structure set



The Meghalaya government approved the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission in a meeting on Thursday, aiming to overhaul the pay scales of state employees. The proposed changes by the commission will affect various public servants, including civil servants, police personnel, and teachers, potentially leading to increases in their salaries and allowances. State officials stated that this step is crucial for boosting morale and attracting competent professionals to public service. Following the approval, the recommendations will be sent to the Governor for ratification, after which a formal notification will be issued to implement the changes.

EDUCATION

## Meghalaya Chief Minister Warns of Teacher Shortage and Financial Implications



The Chief Minister of Meghalaya announced that the state government is facing a shortage of teachers. He warned that this deficit could place financial pressure on the education sector. The chief emphasized that the government should carefully assess the fiscal impact before taking further action. No specific remedial measures were mentioned in the statement.

HEALTH

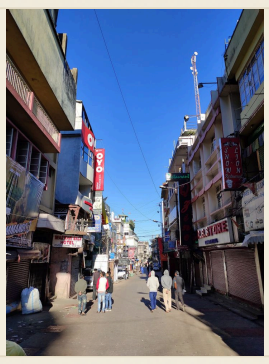
## Meghalaya health officials warn against overuse of antibiotics



Health officials in Meghalaya have expressed serious concern over the increasing misuse of antibiotics in the state. They warn that this overuse is contributing to a rise in antibiotic resistance, a global health crisis that jeopardizes our ability to treat common infections. Officials have urged the public to use antibiotics only when prescribed by a doctor and to complete the full course as directed. They also emphasized the importance of good hygiene and vaccination in preventing infections.

TECHNOLOGY

## Meghalaya Police Launch Cybersecurity Training in Nongranga



The Meghalaya Police Department has announced a cybersecurity training programme for its officers in Nongranga. The programme's primary goal is to train personnel in digital crime investigation, online threat identification and digital forensics techniques. This initiative forms part of a wider effort to strengthen cyber security across all law-enforcement agencies in the state. Experts from the National Cyber Crime Coordination Centre will lead the training sessions, providing practical workshops for police personnel.

## Meghalaya artisan company showcases traditional crafts at India International Trade Fair



At the India International Trade Fair held in Delhi, a Meghalaya-based company showcased its traditional handloom and bamboo crafts. The stall featured handwoven fabrics, intricately carved bamboo furniture, and decorative items that reflect the state's cultural identity.

Company representatives stated that their participation aims to expand their market reach at the national level and attract larger buyers. They emphasized the use of local bamboo and natural dyes as sustainable practices, making their products environmentally friendly options.

Organizers of the trade fair noted a growing interest in Northeastern crafts, describing Meghalaya's display as a prime example of India's diverse artisanal landscape. The company hopes that this exposure will lead to new orders and collaborations, thereby improving the income of local artisans.

The stall drew a significant crowd, with buyers and trade representatives inquiring about bulk purchasing and export opportunities. Officials from the Ministry of Textiles were also present, underscoring government support for promoting regional crafts on a national platform.

Overall, the company's participation highlighted the economic potential of traditional craftsmanship while marking a significant step toward preserving cultural heritage.

HEALTH

## Newborn Stabilization Unit Launched at Bhaitbari CHC in Meghalaya



Bhaitbari CHC in Meghalaya has opened a dedicated Newborn Stabilization Unit to improve healthcare services for newborns. The new unit is equipped to provide essential care to infants requiring immediate medical attention after birth. The CHC reported an average of 100 deliveries per month, highlighting the growing need for such specialized facilities in the region. The addition of the Newborn Stabilization Unit is expected to significantly reduce the neonatal mortality rate and improve health outcomes for newborns in the area.

## Meghalaya adopts medium-term borrowing strategy, secures ₹100 crore incentive




The Meghalaya state cabinet approved a medium-term borrowing strategy to manage debt over the coming years. The plan outlines methods for raising funds, repayment schedules, and aligning borrowing with development priorities.

Alongside the strategy, the government secured an additional ₹100 crore incentive, which will be added to the state's financial resources. This incentive will support capital-intensive projects without immediately increasing the debt burden.

Officials said the new framework will strengthen Meghalaya's credit profile and provide a predictable financial foundation for initiatives in infrastructure, health, and education, while keeping debt levels within sustainable limits.

EDUCATION

## Meghalaya Teachers Donate ₹1 to Deputy CM, Pledge to Continue Strike




Teachers in Meghalaya have been on strike for several weeks due to salary arrears, demanding wage improvements.

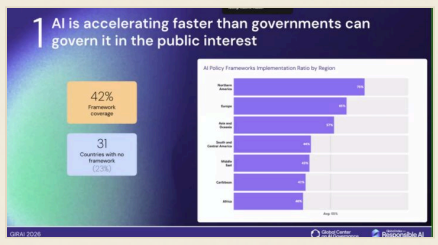
Recently, striking teachers donated a symbolic ₹1 to the Deputy Chief Minister, indicating that their struggle is about rights rather than politics.

The teachers pledged to continue their strike and demanded an immediate meeting with state officials.

As of now, no official response has been received from the state government.

TRAVEL

## First Global Responsible Tourism Summit in Meghalaya Focuses on Community Model




The summit was held in Meghalaya and saw participation from tourism officials, non-governmental organizations, and representatives from local communities. Sessions showcased community-based tourism initiatives that serve as a means of income generation for residents while preserving cultural heritage. Speakers presented examples of successful homestays, eco-trails, and cultural festivals managed locally. Organizers stated that the platform aims to develop a model that can be adopted by other Indian states to promote responsible tourism. The event underscores Meghalaya’s leading role in sustainable travel.

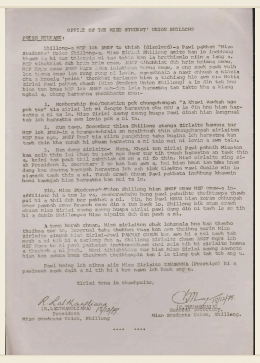
## Meghalaya Government to Meet with Excess Teachers on November 30



The Meghalaya government is taking steps to address the concerns of excess teachers in the state. A consultative meeting is being organized on November 30, which will include government officials and representatives of the excess teachers. The primary objective of the meeting is to discuss the demands raised by the teachers and explore potential solutions. The government hopes to find a resolution that addresses the teachers' concerns and ensures the smooth functioning of the education system in Meghalaya.

EDUCATION

## Show-Cause Notices Issued to Aided School Teachers in Meghalaya for Unauthorized Absence



The Meghalaya State Education Department has initiated disciplinary action against several teachers working in aided schools following reports of unauthorized absence. Each teacher has been issued a show-cause notice, and the department stated that if the explanations are found unsatisfactory, suspension and formal inquiries may follow.

According to the department's order, any teacher who remains absent without prior permission will be considered in violation of state service rules and will face punitive action. The notices instruct teachers to submit written responses within a specified timeframe, after which a decision on suspension or other action will be made.

This step has been taken in light of growing concerns over teacher absenteeism in state schools, which has been affecting students' learning processes. Officials said the move will ensure accountability and maintain the quality of education in aided institutions.

As of reporting, no official response has been recorded from teachers' unions or individual staff members.

WEATHER

## IMD Issues Heavy Rain Warning for Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival



The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a weather warning for the state of Meghalaya, indicating the likelihood of heavy rainfall during the Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival.

According to the warning, there is a possibility of sudden flooding during the festival, which could impact the event's schedule and safety.

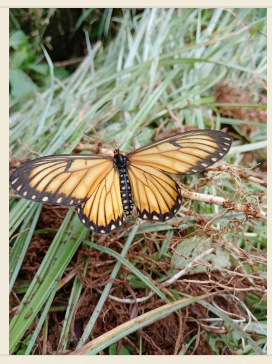
participants to keep track of the latest weather updates and follow the instructions of local authorities.

The festival, which celebrates the blooming of cherry blossoms in the capital city, attracts tourists and locals every year.

Organizers stated that they will monitor the situation closely and make necessary adjustments to arrangements to ensure the safety of attendees.

FOOD

## Meghalaya Showcases Sustainable Food Heritage at Summit



Meghalaya prominently showcased its rich culinary traditions at the Sustainable Food Summit, which prioritize environmental balance. Representatives presented various indigenous dishes and conservation methods based on knowledge of local ecosystems. The presentation demonstrated how these practices can contribute to broader efforts in food security and environmental conservation in India. Organizers highlighted the importance of regional showcases in promoting sustainable agriculture and cultural continuity. The summit provided Meghalaya with a platform to share its expertise with policymakers, chefs, and researchers.

TRAVEL

## Bagmara Campers Wins Gold at National Responsible Tourism Awards



Bagmara Campers, a tourism venture, has been recognized for its dedication to responsible tourism practices. The company received a gold award at the National Responsible Tourism Awards, a prestigious recognition in the Indian tourism industry. These awards highlight businesses that prioritize sustainability, community engagement, and environmental conservation. Bagmara Campers’ commitment to these values earned it this distinguished award.

## Meghalaya Plans Long-Term Borrowing to Ensure Financial Stability



The Meghalaya state government has expressed its intention to raise long-term loans to bolster financial stability, officials said. This move has been presented as a proactive financial management strategy in light of revenue volatility and upcoming development projects. By securing multi-year loans, the government hopes to mitigate short-term pressures by spreading payment obligations over a longer period. The decision aligns with a broader policy of maintaining budgetary balance while funding infrastructure and social schemes. No details regarding the loan amount, lender, or timeline have been disclosed yet, as further discussions are underway.

CRIME

## Anurag Agrawal Appointed Acting DGP of Meghalaya



Anurag Agrawal was sworn in on Monday as the acting Director General of Police (DGP) of Meghalaya, assuming the role following the resignation of the previous DGP. The appointment was announced by the state Home Department and took effect immediately.

Agrawal, a senior IPS officer, previously served as the Deputy Inspector General in the state's North-East region and has been involved in several major investigations. His experience in intelligence and law enforcement operations is expected to strengthen the state's policing structure.

The Meghalaya Home Minister welcomed the appointment, stating that Agrawal's proven track record would help maintain public safety and address emerging security challenges. He emphasized the importance of leadership continuity during this transitional period.

Police officials said Agrawal would focus on enhancing community policing, expanding forensic capabilities, and ensuring a rapid response to crime incidents. The state government has pledged its full support for his efforts to maintain law and order.

## Meghalaya CM Announces Plan to Make Shillong a Music Capital



Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma announced a new cultural initiative centered on the state capital, Shillong. He detailed a multi-year plan to promote original music, aiming to shift the city's identity from cover bands to a capital of original compositions. The plan includes the establishment of dedicated rehearsal spaces, support for local musicians, and the promotion of music festivals featuring original artists. This move is expected to boost tourism and open new opportunities for young musicians in the North-East. Officials said the plan will be implemented in phases, with initial steps beginning in the coming months.

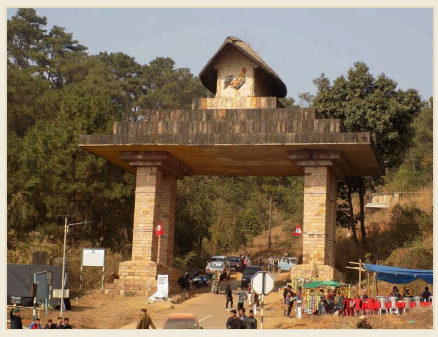
JOBS & CAREER

## Shakeel Ahmad Appointed Chief Commissioner of Meghalaya Public Service Distribution Commission



Shakeel Ahmad has been appointed as the Chief Commissioner of the Meghalaya Public Service Distribution Commission. This information was provided by Northeast News, a regional news magazine. The Public Service Distribution Commission is responsible for the efficient and transparent distribution of public services in Meghalaya. Ahmad's appointment is expected to bring new perspectives and strategies to improve service delivery in the state.

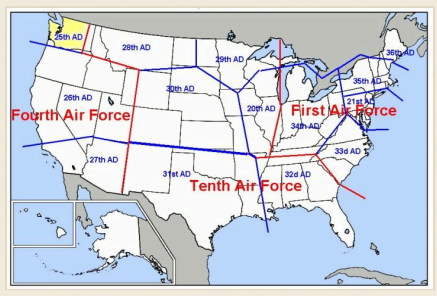
## Community's Role in Tourism Conservation in Meghalaya



Meghalaya is relying on community-led tourism to protect its fragile ecosystem. The initiative aims to empower local communities to manage and benefit from tourism activities while minimizing environmental impact. This approach acknowledges the importance of preserving Meghalaya's unique natural beauty for future generations.

LOCAL

## Shillong Teer Results for November 19, 2026, Announced




The Shillong Teer draw results for November 19, 2026, were released by News18. The announcement includes the winning numbers for the day's lottery. Participants can check their tickets against the published figures to see if they have won. The results are available on the News18 website and can also be viewed on the official Shillong Teer portal. The initial release did not provide additional information regarding prize amounts or payment schedules.

## Meghalaya CM Promises Boost to Tourism and Trade in Garo Hills via Baljek Airport Deal




The Chief Minister of Meghalaya stated that the Baljek Airport deal will promote tourism, trade, and development in the Garo Hills district.

The new airport will improve connectivity between the Garo Hills and major cities, making the region more accessible and attractive for investment.

The project is part of the state's broader development plan, aimed at strengthening infrastructure and attracting investment.

The Chief Minister noted that the airport will create new employment opportunities and boost local businesses, thereby enhancing the region's economic progress.

POLITICS

## HBDRF Demands Meghalaya Government Identify Pnar Villages in Block-1




The Hymenachar Block Development and Rural Foundation (HBDRF) has demanded that the Meghalaya state government formally identify Pnar villages located in Block-1. The organization stated that the lack of official recognition is causing the local population to face administrative hurdles. these villages are being deprived of fundamental rights and essential services. It was claimed that the lack of official status is the primary reason these communities are excluded from various development schemes and legal protections.

The foundation has appealed to the state administration to take immediate steps to regularize the status of these villages. It emphasized that providing recognition is crucial to ensure the welfare and legal protection of Pnar community members in the area.

POLITICS

## Meghalaya Decides to Cap Voters at 1,200 Per Polling Station Ahead of 2027 Voter Registration



The Meghalaya government has announced plans to review polling stations ahead of the 2027 voter registration. Officials have assessed the existing electoral infrastructure and set a limit of 1,200 voters per center. This step is taken to streamline electoral logistics and ensure adequate facilities for voters. The review will be completed before the next general election cycle. The Meghalaya election authority will publish detailed guidelines following the review.

## Meghalaya Aims to Become a Global Music Destination, Says CM Conrad Sangma



Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma stated that the state will not remain limited to merely hosting concerts but will work towards becoming a world-class music destination. He highlighted the state's rich musical heritage and its capacity to attract international artists.

The government outlined plans to build world-class stages, organize major music festivals, and support local artists in performing on international platforms. These initiatives are intended to combine music tourism with the state's natural beauty.

This step is expected to boost tourism, create new jobs, and help include Meghalaya among the world's leading music cities.